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**REMARKS**

SIR:

This is a Request For Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified patent application. Please enter the claim amendments of the Amendment Under Rule 116 (Amendment After Final Rejection) filed February 21, 2007 (Certificate of Mailing dated February 16, 2007) and consider the amended claims on the merits. The arguments for patentability of the claims set forth in the Amendment Under Rule 116 are incorporated herein by reference.

A copy of the Amendment Under Rule 116 filed February 21, 2007 (Certificate of Mailing dated February 16, 2007) is enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

A petition for an extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action accompanies this Request For Continued Examination (RCE).

**CONCLUSION**

An action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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